

TE MAHERE Ā-ROHE O WAITEMATĀ 2020

Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020

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Mihi

Mai i Te Waitematā ki tai, nau mai rā e Te Waitematā ki uta.
Hei taumarumarū koe mō te pū o te wheke kua huaina nei,
ko te tāone nui o Tāmaki Makaurau.

Titiro ki te Pourewa Tūkoī ki te rangi e titi mai rā
i te manawa tonu o Te Horotiu,
tipua o te ao kōhatu kua memeha kē,
kua taupokihia e te ao kua kōhatu.

Ko Te Wai-o-Taikēhu kei te rāwhiti ōu,
ko Tuki-tuki-muka te kai here i tō hope i te uru.

E rere ki tuawhenua, ka ū atu koe ki Te Wai-orea,
kei kō tata mai ko te Rae o Kāwharu
e eke ai koe ki Te Uru Karaka.

Heke whakatemaui ko Ngā Kauae Whati,
e piki ake ai koe ki Te Rimu-tahi.

Titiro whakaiho koe, ko Waiatarau,
ko te Waikōkota.

E tahuri tō haere mā te ara Kārangaranga o Hape
kia tū anō koe i te kokotinga o te Ara Kuīni.

E whakamaui ō kamo ki te āhuru mōwai
e hora ake nā i mua i a koe.

E mīharo ki tā te ringa tangata i hanga ai
hei kākahu i tā te ringa atua.

E takahi rā koe mā runga i ngā tapuwae
o te tini - pō te ao, ao te pō,

kia tau rawa atu koe ki te huinga mai
a te mano ki Te Rerenga-ora-iti.

Ki reira koe whakatau ai i te iwi;

Nau mai e taku iti, nau mai e taku rahi ki āhau,
ki Te Waitematā i uta, ki Te Waitematā i tai.

From Waitematā at sea to Waitematā on shore, welcome.
May you be a safe haven at the centre of this metropolis
called Tāmaki Makaurau.

Gaze up to the Sky Tower that rises
out of the heart of Horotiu,
relic of the age of stone,
now covered over by a world of stone.

Te Wai-o-Taikēhu marks your eastern bounds,
while Tuki-tuki-muka binds your western boundary.

Flowing inland you reach Wai-orea
though close by is Te Rae o Kāwharu,
en-route to present-day Newton.

Glancing to your left lies Grey Lynn,
and up a rise you come to Ponsonby.
Looking below, there is Freemans Bay,
there too, is Waikōkota.

Your journey takes you now to Karangahape Road
across to where it intersects with the Queen's byway.
Cast your eyes over the sheltered haven
that lies before you.

Marvel at what the human hand has created
to embellish that which was created by the hand of God.

Now follow in the footprints of many
who passed by - dawn till dusk and dusk till dawn,
until you too arrive amongst the hustle and bustle
of the throngs, at Britomart.

There you can bid the people;

Welcome one and all unto me,

Waitematā on shore, Waitematā at sea.



Ngā upoko kōrero

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On the cover:
Organic food is produced for the
community and local businesses
at Kelmarna Organic Community
Gardens and City Farm in Grey Lynn.



From the Chair

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Waitematā is the heart and soul of Tāmaki Makaurau, where many people choose to live, work, study, visit, play and be entertained. It is full of passion, energy, and creativity.

Our area has seen dramatic changes and immense growth, which brings with it challenges, and opportunities. The city centre is undergoing major transformation, and our resident population is growing and becoming increasingly diverse. The council has declared a climate emergency and the Waitematā Local Board believes that addressing climate heating issues is vital in all aspects of our activities and lives. Consequently, appropriate and effective climate action is imbued through all our six objectives.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent lockdowns have challenged our businesses' viability and our community cohesion. Council's finances and resources have also significantly been impacted. We need to carefully prioritise projects that will deliver the best outcomes for our communities, environment and businesses.

Our projects should support our recovery, as well as build our resilience to any future disasters, pandemics, climate change, and major construction works.

I am proud to present our Waitematā Local Board Plan 2020-2023. This is our strategic vision for the next three years that provide local solutions to enhance our area and help us recover together. Our creative and passionate communities and organisations have influenced our projects and proposals in this plan. With your support, we want to make sure Waitematā continues to be a place where our businesses thrive, our communities feel safe and connected and our environment is healthy.

We will focus on empowering Māori and celebrating identity and culture. We will continue to strengthen our partnerships with mana whenua and work together to reflect te ao Māori, identity and history into our planning and decision-making and showcase the rich heritage through design, public art, signage, and park names.

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We want everyone who lives in Waitematā to feel safe, be connected, and have a place to call home. Together we will focus on helping our communities recover and reconnect. We will support local events, community arts programmes, and recreation activities that embrace diversity, promote gender equity participation including our LGBTQIA community, as well as all ages, ethnicities, and abilities.

We anticipate areas of growth such as increasing families and youth living in the city centre and Newmarket and we seek to develop appropriate infrastructure to meet these needs. We are committed to creating vibrant and active spaces such as realising the community's vision of a park

on Ponsonby Road and continuing to activate our public spaces and implement park improvements. We have heard how important Leys Institute building is as a community asset and we are strongly advocating to restore Leys as a public library. Housing affordability and homelessness continue to be significant issues and we will advocate for solutions to end homelessness.

We remain committed to the environment. Council has adopted Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan. We will continue working towards Waitematā becoming a low carbon community through supporting our communities, renewing our infrastructure, and enabling our economy to adapt.



From the Chair

With your support we will increase our urban forest and grow our vital tree cover.

We will continue to focus on restoring our waterways, combating air pollution, and supporting community-led projects that reduce carbon emissions, increase community gardens and composting, as well as continue to fund agrichemical-free maintenance in our parks.

We need a sustainable transport network that is safe, accessible and provides sustainable choices. We have recently appreciated more than ever safe walking, cycling and other active modes of transport. We propose to extend our greenways, connect our cycleways, and design streets as public spaces that prioritise pedestrians and active transport, and further reduce our reliance on cars. Road safety is a key priority and we will focus on improving safety, particularly around schools.

Waitematā is the major centre for employment and business in Auckland, and as such it is crucial that we build our economic resilience. This will involve building capacity and working in new ways.

We will work with our business leaders to maximise benefits from the Government's efforts to stimulate the economy and together build thriving, sustainable and innovative Waitematā businesses and jobs.

We have reflected on your feedback from the recent consultation on our draft local board plan as well as what we heard from you when we developed previous local board plans, and other plans such as the Parnell Plan and our parks development plans. We believe your valuable input will enable us to continue working with you over the next three years to achieve our aspiration to make Waitematā the best place it can be.



Richard Northey

Chair, Waitematā Local Board



He kōrero nō te Heamana

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Waitematā te pūmanawa o Tāmaki-Makaurau, he wāhi e noho ai, mahi ai, ako ai, toro mai ai, takaro ai, ngahau ai te marea. He wāhi e rangona ana te ngākau whiwhita, te hihiri, te wairua auaha.

Kua tino huri tō tātou rohe i ngā tau kua taha ake - kua tino rahi ake, ā, he wero tō tērā āhuatanga. E tino huri haere ana te pokapū tāone, e piki ana te taupori, e huri haere ana te taupori - e kitea ana ngā iwi kanorau huhua. Kua tauākīngia e te kaunihera te ohotata āhuarangi. E whakaae ana te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitematā - mewhakatikangā raru āhuarangi hei painga mō te tangata ia rā, ia rā. Nā whai anō, kua tuia ngā mahi whakakore raru āhuarangi ki ngā whāinga e ono.

Kua whakataumaha te urutā MATE-KORONA me te noho taratahi ā-motu/ā-rohe i ngā pakihi me te kotahitanga o te hapori. Kua tino whakataumahatia ngā pūtea o te Kaunihera. Me āta whakarārangi i ngā kaupapa hei whakatinana kia puta ai ngā hua tino pai e taea ana - mō ngā hapori, mō te taiao, mō ngā pakihi. Ko tōna tikanga ka tautoko ngā hinonga i te whakarauoratanga o te rohe kia kaha ake te hapori ki te kaupare i ngā parekura, urutā, raru āhuarangi, raru hanga whare, o āpōpō.

Nōku te maringanui ki te whakatakoto i te Mahere Poari ā-Rohe o Waitematā 2020-2023. Ko tēnei te rautaki mō ngā tau e toru kei mua i te aroaro. Kei te rautaki nei ngā rongōā ā-rohe ki te whakaora i tō tātou rohe me ngā tāngata o roto. Kua whai wāhi atu ngā whakaaro o tō tātou hapori auaha me tō tātou rōpū hihiri ki ngā kaupapa me ngā hinonga e pīkautia ana e tēnei mahere. E hiahia ana mātou kia korikori tonu ngā pakihi, kia marutau ai ngā hapori, kia tūhonotia ngā hapori, kia ora ai te taiao. Mā tō ringa āwhina, e ea ai ērā wawata.

Ka ngana mātou ki tewhakamana i te iwi Māori, ki te whakanui i te Māoritanga. Ka whakamārō tonutia ngā herenga ki te mana whenua kia whai wāhi atu te ao Māori, te tuakiri, ngā kōrero tuku iho, ki ngā mahi whakamahere me ngā whakataunga hoki. Ka ngana hoki ki te whakaū i ngā taonga tuku iho ki ngā pikitia, ngā toi tūmatanui, ngā tohu me ngā ingoa pāka.

Kei te hiahia mātou kia marutau ngā tāngata katoa e noho ana ki Waitematā, kia rongo hoki te katoa i te whanaungatanga, kia whai kāinga te katoa. Ka aro ngātahi atu tātou ki te whakarauoratanga me te whakakotahitanga o ngā hapori. Ka tautokona e mātou; ngā hui ā-rohe, ngā kaupapa toi ā-rohe, ngā hui whakangahau e whakamana ana i te wairua

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kanorau me ngā kaupapa mana ōrite pēnei i te hapori LGBTQIA, ngā tai pakeke katoa, ngā iwi katoa me ngā pūkenga tangata katoa.

E ai ki tā mātou i matapae ai - ka maha ake ngā whānau me ngā taiohi e noho ana ki te pokapū tāone me Newmarket nō reira ka rangahaua e mātou ngā momo hanganga e ea ai ngā wawata o ērā tāngata. E mārō ana te hiahia o te poari ki te hanga i ngā wāhi hīkaka, i ngā wāhi whakakorikori tangata, ā, ka whakatinanahia te wawata ki te whakatū pāka ki Ponsonby Road. Ka whakakorikorihia ngā wāhi tūmatanui me te ngā mahi whakapaipai pāka. Kua rongo mātou i te reo o te hapori - he motuhake te whare o Leys Institute, hei whare, hei rawa hapori hoki. Ka kaha tautokona e mātou te tohutanga o Leys hei whare mātauranga tūmatanui anō. He take nui tonu te utu nui o te whare me te hunga kāinga kore.

Ka kaha tautokona e mātou ngā rongōā ki te whakakore i te noho kāinga kore.

Kei te mārō tonu tō mātou wawata kia tiakina te taiao. Kua whakaaetia e te Kaunihera te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan. Ka pukumahi tonu mātou ki te whakaheke i te puha hauhā, mā te tautoko i tō tātou hapori, te whakahou i ngā hanganga, te rāwekeweke i te ohaoha ā-rohe kia urutau. Mā reira e kīia ai a Waitematā he hapori hauhā iti. Ka nui noa atu ngā ngahere i te tāone me ngā kāuru rākau huri noa. Ka aro tonu ki te whakarauoratanga o ngā arawāi, te whakakore i te para hau māori, te tautoko i ngā kaupapa whakaheke hauhā e kōkiritia ana e te hapori, te whakarahi i ngā kāri me ngā pū wairākau mō te hapori. Ka tukua hoki te pūtea kia mutu ai te whakamahi paturia i ngā pāka.

He kōrero nō te Heamana

Me whai pūnaha hāereere tātou e marutau ai te tangata, e ngāwari ana te whakamahi, e maha hoki ana ngā kōwhiringa aratau hāereere. Nō nā tata tonu nei ka toko ake te ngākanui ki te hīkoi, te eke paihikara me ērā atu aratau hāereere whakapakari tinana. E hiahia ana mātou ki te whakaroroa i ngā ara kākāriki, ki te tūhono i ngā ara paihikara, ki te whakahoahoa i ngā tiriti hei papa tūmatanui kia taea e te tangata te hīkoi haere. Mā reira e iti ake ai te whakamahinga motukā. He kaupapa nui te hakahaumarū i ngā rori, ā, ka whakapaipai mātou i ngā rori ki ngā kura, huri noa i te rohe.

Ko Waitematā te pokapū matua o Tāmaki-Makaurau mō te hunga mahi me ngā pakihī, nā whai anō me whakakaha i te ohaoha ā-rohe. E rua ngā āhuatanga ka taka iho i tērā wawata - te rangahau i ngā ara hōu ki te pīkau i ngā mahi me te whakararahi i ngā pūkenga tangata. Ka mahi tahi mātou ko ngā rangatira o te ao pakihī kia nui noa atu ngā painga ka taka

iho i ngā mahi whakarauora ohaoha o te Kāwanatanga, ā, mā te mahi tahi e hua mai ai ngā momo mahi me ngā momo pakihī taurikura, toitū, auaha hoki ki Waitematā.

Kua whai whakaaro atu mātou ki ngā kōrero i whakahokia mai ki a mātou i te tuhinga tuatahi o te mahere poari ā-rohe, ngā kōrero i rangona i te waihanga o ērā atu mahere ā-rohe me ētahi atu mahere pēnei i te Parnell Plan me ngā mahere whanake pāka. E kaha whakapono ana mātou nā tō whāngai whakaaro mai e taea ana e tātou te mahi tahi hei ngā toru tau kei mua i te aroaro ki te whakatutuki i tō tātou wawata kia eke a Waitematā ki tōna tino taumata.



Richard Northey

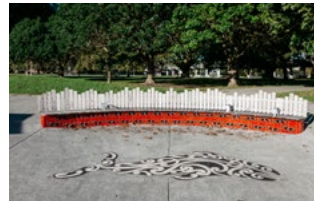
Heamana, Paori ā-Rohe
o Waitematā



He aronga poto i tā mātou mahere

Our plan at a glance

We will focus on six outcomes to guide our work and make Waitemātā a better community for all. Our aspirations are outlined below.



Victoria Park functional installation – Te Ureia by artist Puhi Thompson.

Outcome 1: Māori are empowered, and their identity and culture is visible.

We celebrate and showcase Māori culture and grow respectful and reciprocal partnerships to ensure te ao Māori is embedded in our decision making.



Janet Clews and Judy Blakey travelling on a bus.

Outcome 2: Connected communities that are inclusive, accessible, and equitable

Everyone has a place to call home and be connected to their communities. There are abundant opportunities to participate in decision making and activities regardless of age, gender, culture or ability.



Freyberg Place.

Outcome 3: High quality urban development that has accessible, versatile, and sustainable public and private spaces

We have a wide variety of community places and open spaces that are safe, accessible and versatile. Our city centre and town centres are well designed, family friendly and are easy to move around. Our shared spaces and buildings showcase sustainable living.



Zero waste station at Parnell Festival of Roses.

Outcome 4: Waitemātā is future-focused, green, and resilient to climate change

Our natural environment is healthy with rich biodiversity, clean waterways and increasing urban forest. Our communities and businesses have the tools they need to thrive as we work towards a low carbon future.



High Street.

Outcome 5: Sustainable transport network that is safe and accessible

Our transport network is connected and provides for sustainable travel choices. Our streets are safe for families, pedestrians, and put vulnerable users first.



La Cigalle French Market in Parnell.

Outcome 6: Waitemātā businesses are sustainable, innovative and prosperous

Waitemātā's local economy is thriving in our city centre and our townships. Our businesses lead in sustainable practices and are resilient to economic downturns and disruptions.



Te Rohe ā-Poari o Waitematā

Waitematā Local Board area



The Waitematā Local Board area is bounded by Westmere in the west and Parnell to the east. Arch Hill, Eden Terrace and Newmarket mark our southern boundary and to our north is the iconic and beautiful Waitematā Harbour. Waitematā is made up of many distinctive communities including Westmere, Grey Lynn, Herne Bay, Ponsonby, Arch Hill, St Marys Bay, Freemans Bay, Newton, Eden Terrace, Grafton, Newmarket, Parnell and the city centre.

Waitematā has a long history of settlement, first by Māori and later Europeans. Fifteen mana whenua iwi/hapu have an interest in Waitematā and five marae are located in the local board area. Our area contains many of the oldest suburbs and buildings in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland. The city centre, with its active waterfront, port operation and maritime heritage, is a unique and attractive place for residents and visitors alike.

At the 2018 Census there were 82,866 usual residents in Waitematā – about five per cent of Auckland’s total population. Almost two-thirds of the Waitematā population is of European ethnicity. Our large Asian community (31.5 per cent) is concentrated in the city centre, where over half of residents identify with an Asian ethnicity. Māori and Pacific peoples are generally under-represented in Waitematā when compared with the whole of Auckland.

We have a younger median age in Waitematā of 31.4 years and a significantly greater proportion of people aged 25 to 34, compared with Auckland as a whole. By contrast the proportions of children in Waitematā are half those of Auckland. While the number of residents aged 65 and over has increased, the overall proportion of this group remains relatively low.

Home ownership is relatively low in Waitematā at 39.1 per cent, compared with 61.5 per cent for Auckland.

Driven by the city centre, the Waitematā area is the primary hub of employment and commerce in Auckland.

In 2019 the Waitematā area accounted for 23 per cent of Auckland’s employment with jobs mostly concentrated in the city centre. However, Waitematā has other pockets of concentrated employment, such as Newmarket, Eden Terrace, Newton and Grafton.

We have active business associations in Parnell, Newmarket, Ponsonby, the city centre, Uptown (Newton), Karangahape Road (all Business Improvement Districts) and Grey Lynn.

Several universities, numerous other educational facilities and Auckland Hospital are located in the local board area, along with many of Auckland’s top retail and hospitality districts such as Newmarket and Ponsonby. We have a number of major cultural institutions including Tāmaki Paenga Hira, the Auckland War Memorial Museum, New Zealand Maritime Museum Hui Te Ananui A Tongaroa, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki and the Museum of Transport and Technology MOTAT).



A population of
82,866

or **5.3%** of Auckland's
total population

An increase of **5,730** people since 2013.



7 Business Associations:

Grey Lynn, Heart of the City, Karangahape Road,
Newmarket, Parnell, Ponsonby, Uptown



102 parks



10 leisure centres and
community centres



4 libraries



5 pools

138,708 jobs
in the city centre



He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

Auckland Council has a unique model of local government in New Zealand, made up of the Governing Body (the mayor and 20 councillors) and 21 local boards. The Governing Body focuses on Auckland-wide issues while local boards are responsible for decision-making on local matters, activities and services and provide input into regional strategies, policies and plans.

Local boards make decisions on local matters such as:

- supporting local arts, culture, events and sport and recreation
- providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services
- maintaining and upgrading town centres and facilities including parks, libraries and halls
- caring for the environment and preserving heritage.

Local boards also have a role in representing the view of their communities on issues of local importance.

About local board plans

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans that are developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area that reflects community aspirations and priorities. The plans guide the local boards in:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans are inclusive and connected; they don't operate in isolation. They support the following:

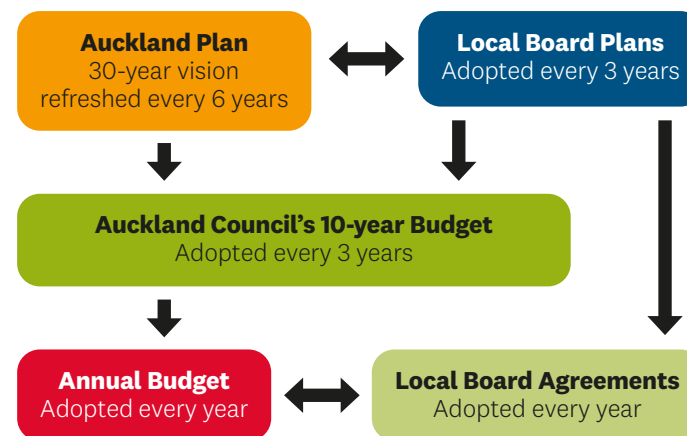
- the Auckland Plan 2050 – the 30-year vision for Auckland
- the council's 10-year budget (long-term plan) – planned spending and future investment priorities over the longer term, including local boards

- the council's annual budget (annual plan) – funding for the coming financial year of the 10-year budget, including local boards.

Local Board Agreements form the basis for each local board to develop its annual work programme and set out local funding priorities and budgets,

levels of service, performance measures and targets by activity for each financial year.

Detail of our projects, budgets and timelines are outlined in our annual work programmes. Progress is reported quarterly and communicated to our communities.



He kōrero mō ngā poari ā-rohe

About local boards

Working with Māori

Māori culture and identity is celebrated by Aucklanders and is our point of difference in the world.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi recognises the rangatiratanga of Auckland's hapū and iwi, and the inseparable bond between Tāmaki Makaurau the people and Tāmaki Makaurau the place.

Local boards play a vital role in representing the interests of all Aucklanders. We are committed to our Treaty-based obligations and to Māori participation and development.

We have worked with Māori to develop initiatives that respond to Māori aspirations.

In this plan, we have included a specific outcome focused on empowering Māori and celebrating identity and culture.

We will seek to partner with Māori to showcase and celebrate Māori culture and history.

We want to see Māori naming, design principles, narratives and stories reflected in our places, parks, and roads.

We will continue to strengthen our existing relationships to ensure te ao Māori is embedded in our decision making and enable mana whenua rangatiratanga.



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Te whakawhanake i tā mātou mahere

Developing our plan

Our plan comprises aspirational outcomes, objectives we want to achieve and some of the key initiatives we will carry out to achieve them.

A draft plan was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2019 and March 2020. During this period, we partnered with community groups to meet with those who we may not have traditionally heard from, such as our Chinese communities, and to have much needed conversations about climate change. We also heard about the benefits and challenges of living in the city centre, and focused on youth by partnering with Open Fort to run a Youth Hui and speak to young people at a number of events such as Big Gay Out, the Santa Parade and Orientation week at Auckland University.

Finally, we met with the community face-to-face at the Myers Park Medley and Uptown Sounds in Basque Park. The draft was also developed by considering what we know about our community, having worked closely with you and heard your views on a wide range of topics.

During July and August 2020, we consulted on the draft plan to hear your feedback and ensure we reflected your needs and desires for the Waitematā Local Board area.

During that period, events were scheduled or noted as opportunities to promote the consultation and gather feedback on the draft local board plan:

- six drop-in events at libraries and markets

- three community events attended: City Centre Network, Splice 'Tea, talk and culture' event and Plunket city centre playgroup.
- three new community partners who organised five events for the consultation: wellbeing Charitable Trust, UN Youth and Hapai Te Hauora
- two school classroom workshops: Newton Central School and Parnell District School
- one Hearing style event
- one online webinar
- one mana whenua online hui.

The issues and priorities you raised with us through these interactions helped us finalise our 2020-2023 local board plan.

The social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that some of our aspirations have been modified. Our response is delivered via the annual budgeting process but the decisions we make will focus on ensuring the benefits for our community.



Te whakatutuki i tā mātou mahere

Carrying out our plan

Turning plans into reality takes many people working together – the community, the local board and the wider council family such as Auckland Transport.

To deliver against the outcomes in the local board plans, we will:

- prioritise budget to focus on the initiatives in the plans

- make the best use of local assets such as community centres and parks
- set direction for the council staff who deliver the projects and services
- work with various community groups and partners to deliver projects and services.

Sometimes important projects in local areas are beyond the funding available to local boards or our authority to make decisions. In those cases, the role of the local board is to advocate to decision-makers to ensure they are aware of community views and the board's support for them.



Franklin Road upgrade.



Whakaotinga tahi: E whakamanatia ana te Māori, ā, e kitea ana ō rātou tuakiri, ahurea hoki

Outcome 1: Māori are empowered, and their identity and culture is visible

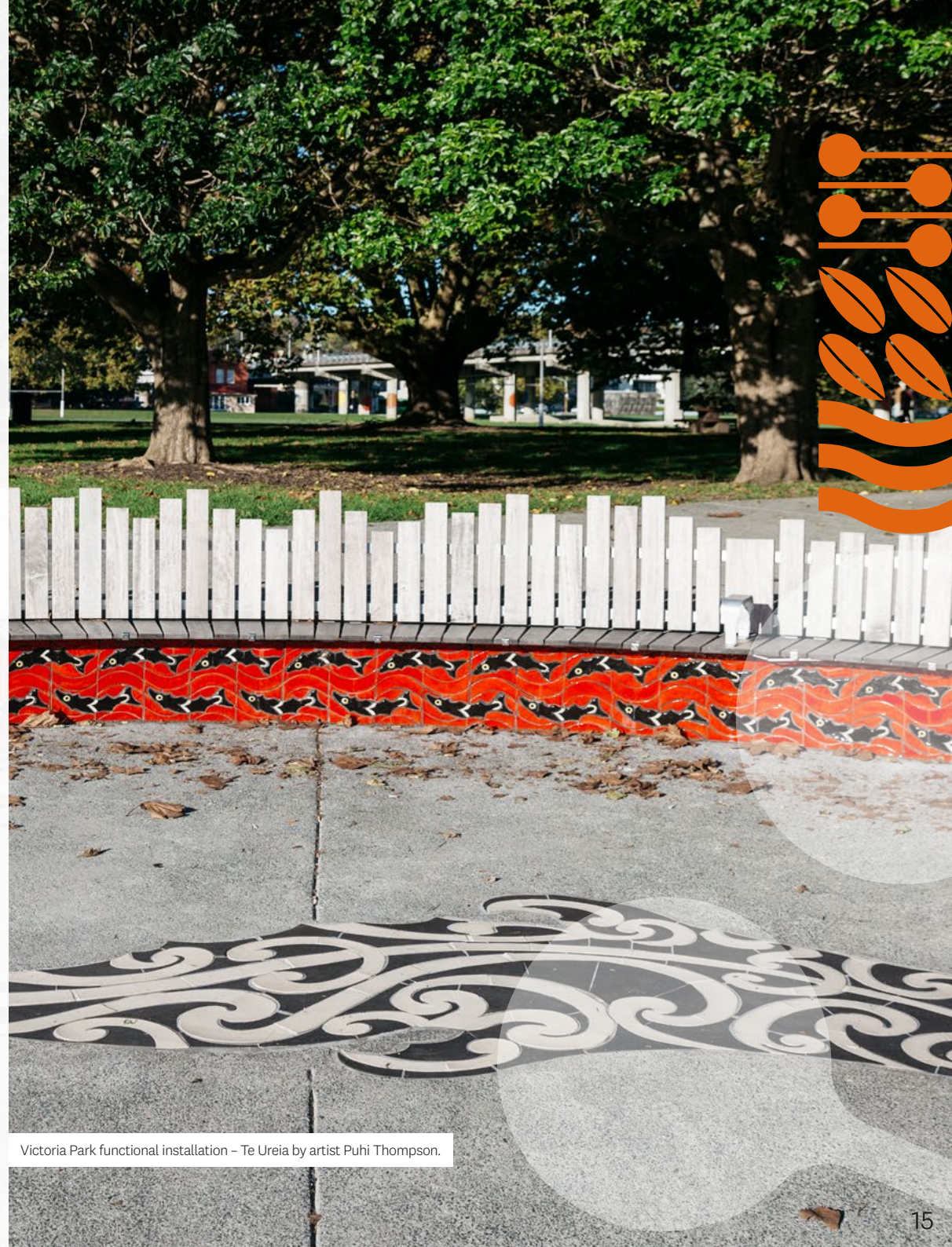
We celebrate and showcase Māori culture and grow respectful and reciprocal partnerships to ensure te ao Māori is embedded in our decision making.

We are proud of our Māori heritage and culture in Waitematā and we seek every opportunity to celebrate and share this unique history with our residents and many visitors.

We will tell the stories of Māori cultural heritage and history throughout our parks and open spaces network, community places, in our print, signs and digital formats. We will continue to partner with mana whenua to name local roads, parks and facilities and to increase the use of te reo Māori in our signage.

We will incorporate Māori design principles when designing open spaces, playgrounds and creating new infrastructure, such as advocating for a Māori and Pacific narrative in the Waterfront development. We will seek opportunities to partner with mana whenua at the inception of our projects to ensure the issues of significance to Māori are incorporated into our decision making.

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Victoria Park functional installation – Te Ureia by artist Puhi Thompson.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I support Te reo Māori names on public facilities. What a great way to acknowledge our official language.”
- “Māori empowerment is important to my community.”

You have told us that for Māori, heritage is not only the built form but the unbuilt and natural aspects of the landscape. We will consult and collaborate with mana whenua to conserve cultural and archaeological heritage particularly in coastal areas such as Pt Erin (Oka), Pt Resolution Taurarua and Meola Reef Te Tokaroa.

We are working with mana whenua and mataawaka to create a local responsive engagement and implementation plan, which will include key aspirations and priorities for Māori in the area, share information and identify opportunities to work together.

Māori are empowered and their identity and culture is visible is a new outcome we have included in our Local Board Plan this term. This outcome aims to strengthen our existing relationships to enable mana whenua rangatiratanga as well as encourage Māori participation in the democratic processes at the grass roots level.

Delivering on our commitment to Māori to meet our responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi at a local level is a priority for the Waitematā Local Board and we have reflected this in the remaining five outcomes of the plan. We acknowledge the long association mana whenua have with the Waitematā area and we undertake to work in genuine partnership with all iwi and hapū with an interest in Waitematā.

Opportunities

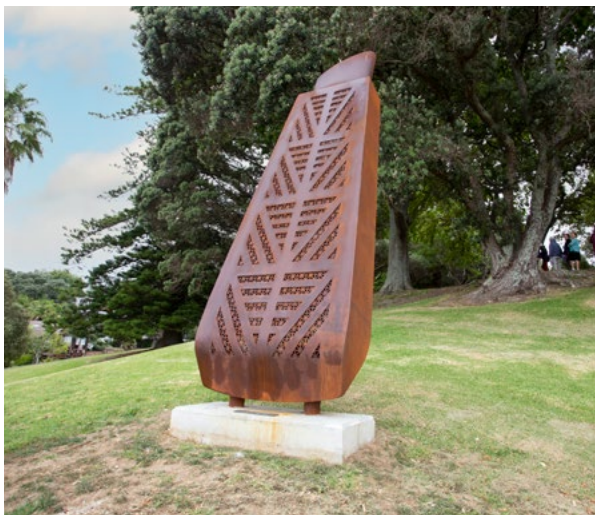
- New public spaces are being developed from transformational projects such as the City Rail Link (CRL) and waterfront developments. This creates the opportunity for Māori design principles and artwork to be incorporated in the planning stage and for the local board to partner with mana whenua in naming these new and significant open spaces.
- Large events such as the 36th America’s Cup will bring thousands of visitors to the city. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our rich cultural history and uniqueness.

Challenges

- To have a flourishing Māori language – te reo Māori requires the efforts of many people to grow their capability.
- There is low participation and engagement with Māori at grass roots level. We need to navigate and connect with existing forums to ensure Māori views are considered.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



Wedge sculpture by Arekatera (Katz) Maihi at Judges Bay, Parnell.

Outcome 1: Māori are empowered, and their identity and culture is visible

Objective	Key initiatives
Provide opportunities to celebrate Māori heritage and culture	Incorporate tikanga practices as part of our local board meetings, events and projects
	Increase the use of te reo Māori in our signage
	Partner with mana whenua to provide Māori naming and narrative throughout our local roads, parks and community places in print, signs and digital formats
Integrate Māori values and sustainable practices into planning, decision-making and delivery	Partner with Māori to celebrate and promote events of significance such as Waitangi Day, Matariki and Te Wiki o te reo Māori (Māori Language Week)
	Seek opportunities to reflect Māori stories through the use of public art
	‘Ka noho’ – wairua and ngākau: Assist rangatahi to connect with mātauranga Māori to nurture skills and awareness around what it means to be self sufficient
Increased participation of iwi and non-affiliated Māori in decision making	‘Te tangata’ – tinana: Promote, progress and fund current and emerging initiatives, programmes and groups who are actively committed to the restoration, sustainability and protection of food sovereignty systems within their communities
	Incorporate Māori design principles into new infrastructure e.g. playgrounds and open space designs such as at the proposed Heard Park development
	Support Māori initiatives that minimise waste and encourage recycling infrastructure that connect with te ao Māori values
Increased participation of iwi and non-affiliated Māori in decision making	Actively engage with Māori communities and enable their participation in decision making
	Advocate for improved council processes to enable more Māori input on key strategies and plans





Pou by Renata Blair at Cowie Street, Newmarket.

Outcome 1: Māori are empowered, and their identity and culture is visible

Objective

Develop and foster authentic relationships with mana whenua

Key initiatives

Develop and support channels or forums for ongoing engagement with mana whenua such as an annual hui

Work alongside mana whenua to protect and support their interests and aspirations for Waitemata





Janet Clews and Judy Blakey travelling on a bus.

Whakaotinga rua: He hapori honohono he mea manaaki, haratau, ōrite hoki

Outcome 2: Connected communities that are inclusive, accessible, and equitable

Everyone has a place to call home and be connected to their communities. There are abundant opportunities to participate in decision making and activities regardless of age, gender, culture, or ability.

We are fortunate to have a diverse and vibrant community in Waitematā. Our diversity includes families, children and young people to older adults, new migrants, international students, rainbow communities and people living with disabilities. We want all people who live in Waitematā to feel at home, to feel safe and to have opportunities to connect and participate in their community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought uncertainty and disruption. We want to help bring our community together to support each other, grow stronger and prosper through these difficult times. Our focus will be towards building community capacity to support the recovery, improve community resilience and restore social connectedness, for this and future pandemics and disasters. We must support vulnerable communities such as those who feel isolated, older people, deprived and low-income communities, youth, Māori and Pasifika communities.

“Diverse perspectives can inspire creativity and drive innovations. We want to ensure all voices are reflected in our decision-making, projects and planning.”



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “I feel that community resiliency is really important in 2020 and being able to help those who are homeless I think is a crucial step in making that happen.”
- “I would like to see more ethnic diversity and thinking across the board and council.”
- “We should be including everyone; young and old, wealthy or not, to help decrease carbon in the Waitematā, so it’s a community and environmental-friendly project.”

Being heard

Diverse perspectives can inspire creativity and drive innovations. We want to ensure all voices are reflected in our decision-making, projects and planning. We will work with local communities to hear the voices that are often missed, particularly our Māori, Asian, Rainbow and homeless communities, city centre residents, children and young adults.

We want to see genuine empowerment of women and girls through community dialogue and engagement. Actions at the local and community level can often achieve an important change for improving women and girls’ daily lives.

We support Auckland being an age-friendly city, that enables access and participation for older adults and people of all ages and abilities. Older people as well as children and young people have a voice in Waitematā, and we will reflect their views and interests in our plans and decisions.

Sustainable solutions for homelessness

The continued reality of rough sleepers is a major concern, particularly in the city centre. We believe all people living in Waitematā should have a place to call home, be able to access opportunities and facilities, and have a sense of belonging.

Homelessness should be rare, brief and non-recurring. We will partner with agencies as part of a local cross-sectoral response to deliver practical solutions to end homelessness, including supporting the Housing First model and advocating for more healthy, affordable and secure homes. We will continue to provide

support to minimise harm and enhance dignity and wellbeing. This includes initiatives that provide basic amenities such as drinking fountains, showers, toilets and lockers.

Social connections and well-being


Arts and local events strengthen communities, connect cultural divides and help us celebrate our differences. Local events such as Parnell Festival of Roses provide a sense of community and bring people from different walks of life together to celebrate their neighbourhood. Partnering with TAPAC and supporting the Basement Theatre and Space Hub makes it easier for emerging artists of all ages to develop and present their work.

We will continue to enable a range of experiences from organised sport to informal recreation that help people lead active and healthier lives and support the delivery of community led activities and events.

We support enabling access and participation for older adults and people of all ages and abilities. We anticipate growth in families and youth in areas such as Newmarket and seek to develop appropriate infrastructure to meet those needs. Children, teenagers and young adults need both virtual and real-life spaces to connect, play and develop their interests.

It is important that we continue to support organisations that deliver services to improve the lives of people, particularly those who are vulnerable.





Waitematā has several important tertiary educational institutions. International and local students are a vital part of the social and economic success of these institutions. It is important that our new migrants and international students feel at home, feel safe and well-informed, and can contribute to our community.

There are a growing number of families living in the city centre. Schools that children can get to safely are very much needed in the inner-city. A school would also provide a heart for the local community.

Harm from alcohol and from gambling needs to be minimised, including good host responsibility policies and retaining the 'Sinking Lid' policy on poker machine numbers.

Opportunities

- 46% of the local community were born overseas. Diverse cultural perspectives can inspire creativity and drive innovations. There is an opportunity to increase understanding and participation in democratic processes.
- In August 2018, the Waitematā Local Board agreed support for Auckland becoming a city for Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). There is an opportunity to implement actions at the local and community level where change is often the most important for improving women's and girls' daily lives.

Challenges

- The COVID-19 pandemic has created uncertainty. We want to help bring our community together to support each other, grow stronger and prosper through difficult times.
- Homelessness is a regional issue. However, it is more concentrated and visible in the city centre. It is important that everyone has access to secure shelter, to opportunities and a sense of belonging. We will work across the sector to improve housing access and, end and prevent homelessness.
- With the reduction in our budget as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have implications on levels of service, we need to find the balance between the increased demand for our services and the limited capacity of space in our facilities.
- There are conflicting uses and unequal awareness and access to secure shelter. We need to identify and remove physical, cultural and gender bias barriers that people face.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





Chinese family at Parnell Festival of Roses.

Outcome 2: Connected communities that are inclusive, accessible and equitable

Objective	Key initiatives
Support sustainable solutions to end homelessness	<p>Identify and pilot appropriate initiatives that provide practical solutions for homelessness that can then be adopted regionally such as opening the showers at Ellen Melville centre</p> <p>Partner with agencies as part of a local cross-sectoral response to homelessness in the city centre including funding local grass roots initiatives</p> <p>Advocate for more safe, affordable, sustainable, healthy and secure housing to be provided in Waitemata</p>
Empower communities to become more resilient	<p>Encourage and support residents, businesses and schools to develop healthy, sustainable and low carbon lifestyles</p> <p>Work with our communities to develop resilience plans for the impacts of pandemics, climate emergencies, and natural and man-made disasters</p> <p>Support activities that help communities to recover from the effects of COVID-19 related restrictions and other emergencies and restore community connectedness</p> <p>Support community-led projects for energy efficiency and reduced emissions such as the Low Carbon Network</p>
Provide opportunities to connect communities, through creative and diverse arts, sports, events, and community activities	<p>Support family friendly and accessible local events such as Parnell Festival of Roses</p> <p>Support community organisations and initiatives that foster grassroots participation and community development</p> <p>Promote active and healthy lifestyles, ensuring our facilities are fit for purpose such as a comprehensive renewal of Pt Erin Pools</p>





Young girl at Western Springs Park.

Outcome 2: Connected communities that are inclusive, accessible and equitable

Objective	Key initiatives
Provide accessible and inclusive opportunities and services that meet the needs of our diverse communities	<p>Work with community groups to provide activities and programmes that connect people across generations, diverse ethnic cultures and rainbow communities</p> <p>Support activities that bring people into our parks such as the Out and About programme</p> <p>Enable spaces for people to connect such as a 'youth lounge' and art spaces</p> <p>Advocate for the early provision of a public school in the city centre</p>
Improve Waitematā for women and girls	<p>Ensure our community facilities, playgrounds, open spaces and parks encourage all genders to participate</p> <p>Apply a gender lens in our decision-making and promote the interests of women and girls</p>



Whakaotinga toru:
Te whakawhanaketanga ā-tāone
kounga kei reira he wāhi tūmatanui,
tūmataiti hoki e haratau ana, e
matatini ana, e toitū ana

Outcome 3: High quality urban development that has accessible, versatile, and sustainable public and private spaces

We have a wide variety of community places and open spaces that are safe, accessible and versatile. Our city centre and town centres are well designed, friendly to all ages and are easy to move around. Our shared spaces and buildings showcase sustainable living.

Waitematā offers a unique landscape, and beautiful surroundings. We have a wonderful waterfront that we want to ensure is well connected to the city centre, an active harbour, unique historic and natural heritage, built environment and open spaces. Laneways and shared spaces have recreated existing streets to favour people, not cars, and have brought new life to the city.

“ We want new, multifunctional, and adaptable open spaces, such as the planned parks for Ponsonby Road and at Wynyard Point. We will also continue to champion Queen’s Wharf to become fully available for public use and events. ”



Freyberg Place.



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Increased population density makes green spaces and community shared facilities more important.”
- “The climate crisis requires a great deal of change, not business as usual. We know the big problem and opportunity in Auckland is transport, urban form, and the built environment.”
- “...we support the creation of world class public spaces that are accessible, versatile and sustainable. These living breathing places are not only a massive resource for Aucklanders, but also a draw card for attracting overseas and NZ business.”
- “I really like the Rose Road proposal and I think that it will be a powerful example of the before and after potential of reallocating road space, to people space.”

Our city centre is a hub for businesses, shoppers, and cultural activity whilst also home to over 50,000 residents. Our urban villages such as Ponsonby, Parnell and Newmarket are shopping, entertainment and tourism destinations.

The council’s income and finances have been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and this will impact what it can deliver. The Government’s anticipated investment package will accelerate infrastructure and improvement projects and create opportunities to improve our town centres as well as stimulate our economy. We will work together with our communities and local business associations to maximise these benefits for our areas.

Open spaces

Our open spaces, streets and places must be safe, welcoming and pleasant, creating an extension of our living spaces. These spaces also form part of the green network, helping to manage our stormwater, improve air quality and mitigate climate change.

Tikanga Māori and customary activities will continue to influence how our parks and open spaces are planned, developed and managed.

Our local **park development plans** set out the community ambitions for developing these areas, and we will continue to seek opportunities to improve our facilities and spaces.

We will develop a local parks management plan, which will reflect how you want to use our open spaces, bush reserves, sports fields and playgrounds.

We want new, multifunctional and adaptable open spaces, such as the planned parks for Ponsonby Road and at Wynyard Point. We will also continue to champion Queen’s Wharf to become fully available for public use and events.

We want to make Wakefield Street livelier and trial a road closure to create a larger unified Wakefield Park.

We will also continue to encourage low-cost tactical urbanism projects that will provide spaces for our communities to connect.

Our places must be safe. Improving lighting, pathways and sightlines in our parks, and activating our buildings will increase public amenity and safety.

We will continue to support better wayfinding and storytelling signage and amenities such as seating, shade and drinking fountains.

Community places

Our community places provide opportunities for people to get together, connect, socialise, learn and grow. This creates a community that is resilient and able to support each other during times of hardship, emergencies and from the impacts of climate heating.

We want to create more dynamic community places such as Ellen Melville Centre and Studio One Toi Tū, which are true community hubs for all ages, and will promote activities and events in Freyberg Place as an extension to Ellen Melville Centre. Renewing spaces such as Albert Park Cottage and Myers Park Cottage offer new opportunities for activation.

Libraries, community centres, community-led spaces and community leases provide spaces that play a significant role in place-making and empowering communities. They offer programmes to connect and participate in arts, health, educational and cultural activities. We will continue to support our communities and encourage space sharing and activation.

We are assessing services in our eastern and western areas, including our libraries, community centres, and venues for hire services and facilities, to help understand community needs.



Character, heritage and our town centres

You have told us that you want to see our character and heritage protected. The recent seismic assessment shows some of our precious historic buildings such as Leys and Studio One Toi Tū require considerable work. We are advocating for funding to restore the Leys Institute Buildings to be reopened for community use at the earliest opportunity.

We encourage new transformation projects and infrastructure that provide better connections to our town centres such as the **Central Rail Link** project and the enhanced east-west link as described in the City Centre Master Plan.

The aim of our area plans such as the **Parnell Plan, Newton Eden Terrace Plan** and **Ponsonby Road Plan**, is to ensure wide ranging benefits, including for local businesses. We will seek funding to realise the goals identified in the plans such as improvements to Heard Park and delivery of Rose Road Plaza.

We need a range of healthy and sustainable housing types and infrastructure to meet our changing population, and a public school in the inner-city.

We recognise that heritage also includes 'un-built' heritage and cultural elements (e.g archaeological sites). We will seek guidance from mana whenua to manage these resources.

Sustainable buildings and spaces

Our urban development needs to encourage low carbon lifestyles. We need our homes to be well designed and sustainable, and will support education to residents, property owners, schools and businesses about low carbon infrastructure that will reduce emissions and mitigate climate change.

Our public buildings and places need to showcase low carbon practices. We will identify areas for planting trees and new ways of inviting

green into our urban space using rooftops, moss gardens, parks and streets.

Opportunities

- New open spaces are being developed from the City Rail Link and Wynyard Quarter development projects. This provides an opportunity to ensure new spaces are designed to meet our present and future community needs.
- Scheduled park, road and asset renewals are opportunities to add value and amenities.

Challenges

- COVID-19 and its impact on communities has changed the way people use our spaces, it will take some time to build confidence in our communities to feel safe and connect in our spaces.
- Community concerns about safety and antisocial behaviour in public and green areas.
- Excessive light and noise pollution diminish the quality of life for people living in the city centre.
- There is increasing demand for our open space. To ensure these spaces meet the changing and diverse needs of our communities, we will continue to seek ways to design our spaces for varied uses that attract multiple users.
- As neighbourhoods undergo densification, we need to ensure they are well designed, leafy and full of character.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





St Georges Bay Road, Parnell.

Outcome 3: High quality urban development that has accessible, versatile, and sustainable public and private spaces

Objective	Key initiatives
<p>Activate and enhance our parks, streetscapes and open spaces</p>	<p>Seek opportunities to include equipment focused on older children, teenagers and people of different abilities through the park renewals programme</p> <hr/> <p>Support an activation programme at the southern end of Wakefield Street that trials a road closure to create a larger unified Wakefield park</p> <hr/> <p>We will investigate further opportunities to provide well-lit public spaces and areas</p>
<p>Ensure the design of our current and future public and private spaces are accessible, safe, multifunctional, family friendly, low impact and adaptable in the future</p>	<p>Ensure planning of new public spaces consider Māori design principles and artwork</p> <hr/> <p>Encourage developments that provide a range of housing types that are healthy and sustainable for current and future residents including family-friendly housing, affordable housing, co-housing and papakāinga or whānau-oriented housing</p> <hr/> <p>Support the development of shared facilities that can be utilised by schools and the community</p> <hr/> <p>Seek and advocate for the development of new open spaces, particularly developing Wynyard Point as a significant open space, achieving the community vision for a civic space on Ponsonby Road and creating a plaza at the intersection of Rose Road and Williamson Avenue</p>
<p>Preserve our neighbourhood character and continue to improve town centres</p>	<p>Enhance our public spaces through placemaking and park improvements such as playgrounds at Basque Park, Heard Park and Albert Park</p> <hr/> <p>Use our area plans such as the Newton-Eden Terrace Plan, Parnell Plan and Ponsonby Road Plan to guide and leverage off future developments such as CRL in our town centres</p> <hr/> <p>Support pilot projects and quick low-cost interventions such as projects under the Waka Kotahi Innovating Streets for People, to promote long term improvements to our streets and public spaces</p>





Grey Lynn Park.

Outcome 3: High quality urban development that has accessible, versatile, and sustainable public and private spaces

Objective

Key initiatives

Encourage more drinking fountains, toilets, showers, and lockers in public spaces

Investigate including amenities as part of scheduled renewals and transformation projects

Treasure and protect our heritage buildings and structures

Advocate for funding to remediate our heritage buildings in the 10-year budget, particularly to restore and retain Leys Institute as a public library

Support the retention and adaptive reuse of character and heritage buildings such as the renewal of Myers Park and Albert Park cottages for community use



Whakaotinga wha: He Waitematā e aro ana ki te āpōpō, e manaaki ana i te taiao, e tū kaha ana ki ngā raru āhuarangi

Outcome 4: Waitematā is future-focused, green and resilient to climate change

Our natural environment is healthy with rich biodiversity, clean waterways and increasing urban forest. Our communities and businesses have the tools they need to thrive as we work towards a low carbon future.

Our natural environment is an important asset to the people of Waitematā. It includes the Waitematā Harbour, streams, areas of native bush, parks, beaches and wetlands such as that in the **Western Springs Lakeside Te Wai Ōrea Park Development Plan**. Our goal is not only to protect our resources, but to grow and restore our natural environment.

We want to connect people to nature such as supporting actions from the **Meola Creek Development Plan**, and renewing the Hobson Bay walkway.

Auckland Council has declared a climate emergency and recently adopted the **Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri Auckland Climate Plan**. Everything we do must work towards reducing our carbon emissions, adapting and building resilience, for example coastal hazards posed by climate change and sea-level rise.

Waitematā's Low Carbon Communities Action Plan identifies opportunities to respond to climate change through joint community efforts and increasing our urban forest.

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Zero waste station at Parnell Festival of Roses.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Focusing on green and community economic recovery will allow the whole board to recover without leaving people behind, or building up environmental debt for the next generations.”
- “Urban open spaces have value other than recreation; they have intrinsic value for native biodiversity, and as ‘green lungs’...”
- “The stream restoration projects are extremely important and it is wonderful to see them as a priority.”

These opportunities will lead to numerous benefits such as increased biodiversity and biosecurity, reducing the urban heat effect, building community resilience and a positive impact on human health.

The COVID-19 lockdown brought some positive impacts such as a greater local presence of wildlife and birdsong and enhanced biodiversity; cleaner air and water; and more human kindness and collaboration. We want to build on the learnings from the recovery efforts to ensure long-term environmental benefits. With impacts on council’s finances, we need to carefully prioritise projects that will deliver the best outcomes for our environment, and our future.

Clean air, healthy streams and ocean

The Western Isthmus Water Quality Improvement Programme which includes the Central Interceptor funded by the Watercare and the Water Quality Targeted Rate, will improve water quality at our beaches and harbours but there is still much to do to restore our waterways. We will continue to work with our communities, businesses, neighbouring local boards and local iwi to restore the mauri of our streams and waterways, including Waipapa, Waiparuru and Newmarket Streams, and Hobson Bay. We will support programmes that seek to improve the biodiversity of the Hauraki Gulf, and investigate how we can reduce contaminant runoff from roads into our rivers, streams and harbours.

We support initiatives to reduce air pollution, particularly in the city centre, by encouraging active transport modes, changing to electric cars and buses and advocating to reduce pollution from shipping.

Biodiversity

We want a pest-free and ecologically viable urban landscape under the guardianship of engaged communities, which provides healthy habitats where native flora and fauna can thrive.

You have told us that you want to eliminate agrichemical spraying in our parks and open spaces. Cultural resources, mana and mauri are also at risk when using herbicides in streetscapes and reserves e.g. wild foods, medicines and arts resources cannot be consumed or used safely. We have funded chemical-free weed control in four of our family parks and are investigating options to expand this programme while continuing to advocate to the Governing Body to do the same region wide.

We will continue to support initiatives that enable our local communities to deliver planting, weed and pest control, and new pilots such as the “No Mow” project in Grey Lynn Park. We will continue to work with residents and schools to coordinate projects that protect native biodiversity and enhance habitats through planting.



Empowering our businesses and communities

You have told us that education is key to success in enhanced environmental protection and combatting climate heating. We will work to provide access to multi-lingual resources and information to help businesses and communities understand what they can do to improve our environment such as purchasing choices, recycling, reducing waste, composting and other means.

We will continue to partner with our communities to deliver on local environmental aspirations, such as supporting the Newmarket Stream restoration project, increasing community capacity to maintain local pest management, local composting and low-carbon food production, and community planting days. We will achieve climate mitigation by working with mana whenua, community groups and across council departments to identify appropriate sites for regenerative urban farms which will capture carbon, increase biodiversity, enrich soils, improve watersheds, and enhance ecosystem services, and aim for these to become self-sustaining and create employment.

We support the development of a community recycling centre in Western Springs to reduce waste to landfill by recycling, re-using and re-purposing as much as possible, and offering environmental education, enterprise and employment.

Urban Ngahere (Forest)

Our tree canopy cover is 17.2 per cent. The Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy 2019 wants that increased to 30 per cent. Increasing tree canopy cover will reduce carbon emissions and provide habitats for our biodiversity. Waitematā was the first local board to agree to a local **Urban Ngahere action plan**. We are currently in the second and third stages of the plan which includes a long-term growing programme, and protection of existing urban forests.

We will develop a Planting Opportunities List to identify areas suitable for tree planting and plan community planting days. We also recognise the legacy that trees provide and will continue to advocate for better tree protection.

Kaitiaki

We recognise the Māori connection to natural environments, and mana whenua as their role as guardian. We will partner with mana whenua on projects aimed at protecting and restoring our environment and reviving the mauri of our waterways.

Opportunities

- We are lucky to have passionate and active communities that lead pest control, planting, zero waste initiatives and clean-ups.
- The Auckland Climate Plan will provide a strategic framework with actions for us to include in our planning decisions.

Challenges

- We have diverse communities and businesses in Waitematā. We need to provide access to education and services, so our communities and businesses are better armed to proactively respond to climate change while overcoming the financial challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We need to change the choices available to us; what we eat, buy and how we travel to be more climate-smart so we can reduce our impacts on climate change.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





A woman composting.

Outcome 4: Waitematā is future-focused, green and resilient to climate change

Objective	Key initiatives
Increase the biodiversity of our land, streams and ocean	<p>Increase community capacity to maintain local pest management</p> <p>Continue to reduce the use of agrichemicals in our parks and open spaces and advocate for agrichemical spraying to be phased out regionally</p>
Support Waitematā being a low carbon community	<p>Support business innovations, tools and resources that enable businesses to adopt low carbon practices and thrive</p> <p>Support local composting and grow a local low-carbon, resilient food production system</p> <p>Investigate providing an Ecohub in the city centre to deliver climate action advice and education</p> <p>Empower our communities, schools and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resilient to the impacts of climate change</p> <p>Advocate for our fleet and buses to convert to electric vehicles, and reduce pollution from shipping to improve air quality particularly in the city centre</p>
Increase our urban ngahere (forest)	<p>Develop a detailed 'Planting Opportunities List' that will help to deliver the goal of providing 30 per cent of tree canopy cover within the Waitematā Local Board area by 2050</p> <p>Encourage tree planting and retention in public and private land and support community-led volunteer planting</p> <p>Advocate for all infrastructure developments to have an outcome of more trees planted overall</p>





Newmarket Stream restorative planting.

Outcome 4: Waitematā is future-focused, green and resilient to climate change

Objective	Key initiatives
Minimise waste	Encourage events, communities and businesses to reduce, reuse and recycle and make sustainable living choices
	Support zero-waste initiatives to achieve our plan of zero-waste to landfill by 2040, with focus on three priority commercial waste streams - organic, construction and demolition, and plastic wastes
	Support the development and use of a community recycling centre for central Aucklanders in Western Springs
Improve our air and water quality and clean our waterways	Support local stream restoration such as in the Waipapa, Waiparuru and Newmarket streams
	Support programmes that improve biodiversity in the Hauraki Gulf





High Street.

Whakaotinga rima: He kōtuitui ikiiki
e haumaru ana, e haratau ana

Outcome 5: Sustainable transport network that is safe and accessible

Our transport network is connected and provides for sustainable travel choices. Our streets are safe for families, pedestrians, and put vulnerable users first.

Over 90,000 people travel into Waitemata each day for work, shopping, study or entertainment. There has been a significant shift away from private vehicles and more people are choosing public and active transport modes. It is important that we continue to support the move away from private vehicles to reduce congestion, emissions, and environmental degradation. Reducing our reliance on private cars will also improve health and social equity, urban amenity, and improve access to social and economic opportunities. To support this move, we need a transport network that is connected and provides travel choices that are safe, easy and intuitive for people to get in and around.

Safety for all road users

Safety for all our road users is the number one priority. We will actively pursue safer speeds, traffic calming, and safer intersections in line with Vision Zero goals of zero deaths or serious injuries on our transport network by 2050.

We will continue working with our partners to ensure our urban design is safe and people focused and look after all vulnerable road users such as pedestrians.

Our focus this term is to improve safety around our schools. We will begin with Freemans Bay and Newton Central schools, and work with Auckland Transport to make changes that will improve safety.

“ It is important that we continue to support the move away from private vehicles to reduce congestion, emissions, and environmental degradation. ”



WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Get people out of cars and walking/ biking/PTing to shopping is great.”
- “Less motor cars means less air pollution, means less climate heating. Transfer to electric transport.”
- “I think that the bike lanes are a good first step, but I would like to see the local board look at ways we can make our communities more foot friendly... I would like us to move forward with the pedestrianisation of Queen Street, and further improve our bus services to be more reliable for people in the area.”
- “Waitematā urgently needs a viable minimum safe cycleway network, for many reasons – for resilience, for climate action, for mode shift, public health, for de-congestion and, above all, for safety. This means accelerating current plans, like Great North Road.”

We will work with Auckland Transport and council departments on accessibility, including public facilities, events, and parking, as identified in the Waitematā Local Board Accessibility Plan.

Active and public transport choices

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new appreciation and investment into providing safer walking, cycling and other active transport options. As we move into Auckland’s recovery, we want to see our transport system future proofed to attract new users, sustain future growth and continue to reduce our reliance on cars.

Older residents, students and younger people have told us that they need more frequent buses. We will continue advocating to Auckland Transport for reliable and frequent services, and a speedy transition to electric buses.

The City Rail Link (CRL) will move people around the city quickly. It will provide opportunities to enhance streetscapes, deliver amenities, and improve signage to help people find their way more easily.

We will continue to advocate for public transport that connect visitors to our town centres, bringing economic wealth to those areas.

We will support cycle lane programmes that connect our cycleways and greenways, starting with completing the greenway connection between Meola Road, William Denny Avenue, Cox’s Bay to Jervois Road.

It is increasingly common to have multi-mode transport trips where commuters bus-train-walk-cycle or use micro-mobility in a single trip. We must ensure our network supports this use. We will continue advocating for all transformation projects to include bike racks, drinking fountains and public toilets, lockers, and showers.

Streets as public spaces

We want walkable and pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods with a city centre that is well connected to its urban villages. Promoting low traffic and upgraded street environments enables more socialising, recreation and promenading. They become part of the neighbourhood and part of the open space network, creating higher pedestrian amenity and safety. We will continue to seek funding to implement streetscape improvements recommended in our local area plans such as the high amenity streetscape upgrade of St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street from the **Parnell Plan**.

Tactical urbanism can be used to make quick progress by testing and piloting projects to help demonstrate their value to the community. The government’s Innovating Streets for People pilot fund provides opportunities for us to work with our communities to create more people-friendly spaces in our towns and city centre, with the potential path to permanence.

We will support the co-design of the ‘Access for Everyone’ pilot for the Waihorotiu/ Queen Street Valley which prioritises pedestrians. Pedestrian numbers have doubled since 2012; however, the experience remains degraded by the impact of cars.



Opportunities

- Leveraging the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to attract resources and fast-track project implementation.
- The government's Innovating Streets for People pilot fund provides opportunities to use tactical urbanism to pilot projects that create more people-friendly spaces, with the potential path to permanence.
- The construction of CRL will create opportunities to ensure the streetscape and open spaces are attractive and provide amenities for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Enhancing our spaces for active modes of transport will in turn make our streets safer and more enjoyable to be in.

Challenges

- Transport emissions account for 44 per cent of Auckland's total emissions. There is a high number of people coming into Waitematā for work and leisure. We want to sustain this growth into the future by enabling a mode shift away from private vehicles toward public transport, walking and cycling.

- The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted on the number of people accessing public transport, we want to work with our community and Auckland Transport to support people returning to public transport.
- Auckland is now a Vision Zero region with a goal of no deaths or serious injuries on our transport network by 2050. Waitematā will actively pursue safe speeds and traffic calming and will focus on safety around schools.
- Auckland Council has declared a climate emergency and Waitematā is taking urgent action to respond to the zero emissions challenge, as well as helping businesses reduce their carbon footprint.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.



Ponsonby Road.

Outcome 5: Sustainable transport network that is safe and accessible

Objective	Key initiatives
Improve safety for all road users particularly around schools	Improve school safety around Freemans Bay School and Newton Central school
	Improve safety for all road users through traffic calming and initiate safe speeds zones in line with Vision Zero
	Work with delivering organisations to ensure streets and footpaths are people focused
Connect our transport network to allow for multiple transport modes	Encourage installation of amenities such as shelters, bike racks, charging stations, drinking fountains, public toilets, showers, lockers and wayfinding signage
	Advocate to Auckland Transport to provide more frequent and connected public transport services
Provide connected network of parks, open spaces and streets	Develop and signpost active transport routes including an east-west link in Parnell
	Improve pedestrian footpaths through the Auckland Domain
Increase walking, cycling, micro-mobility transport and green corridors to connect our communities	Advocate for the implementation of Access for Everyone, including the pedestrianisation of Queen Street and High Street
	Implement the Waitematā Greenways Plan and extend the cycle network including a greenway connection from Meola Road along William Denny Avenue through Cox's Bay to Jervois Road
	Provide and advocate for streetscape enhancements to improve amenity and safety
	Advocate for the implementation for a safe cycle network



Whakaotinga ono: He toitū, he auaha,
he taurikura ngā pakihi o Waitematā

Outcome 6: Waitematā businesses are sustainable, innovative and prosperous

Waitematā's local economy is thriving in our city centre and our townships. Our businesses lead in sustainable practices and are resilient to economic downturns and disruptions.

Waitematā is the largest employment hub in Auckland and in New Zealand. Over 90,000 people work in the city centre while our surrounding town centres attract thousands of businesses, shoppers, and tourists.

Sectors such as tourism, hospitality, entertainment, retail and arts and culture - the businesses that give Waitematā its "vitality and distinct character" have been among the worst affected by the COVID-19 response. We intend to help facilitate the recovery from this and any future challenges.

We are fortunate to partner with seven strong and well-established business associations. We are committed to working closely with them to recover and grow our local economy.

Creating great places that grow the economy

With the joint effort of our business associations, the board developed the **Auckland Fringe Local Economic Development Action Plan** in 2017. This identified key actions to drive local growth, such as promotion, leveraging off transformation and major events, and creating great places. We will continue to advocate for and deliver these actions.

“ We must support local businesses to recover sustainably from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ”



La Cigalle French Market in Parnell.

WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD US

- “Foot traffic attracts business. We want traffic calming and pedestrian safety.”
- “Local businesses affected by construction works in the CBD should be supported so they can survive the potential impacts.”
- “Get the economy Buzzing again.”

The board worked closely with local communities and businesses to develop local area plans that will enhance local economies. These documents set a future vision for the area and enable funding to be sought to create great places, liven up key spaces, and enhance streetscapes.

Businesses and communities have told us about the need to revitalise St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street which will connect the growing business hub there. We also heard that any change to Karangahape Road must protect, enhance and celebrate its historic and cultural heritage, biodiversity and vibrancy. We will continue to deliver projects from the **Karangahape Road Plan, Newmarket Laneways** and **Parnell Plans** and other local area plans to increase foot traffic to benefit business. We will continue investigating funding options to deliver these activities.

Resilience and economic well-being

We must support local businesses to recover sustainably from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. To do this, we need to enable local jobs and employment and advocate for a living-wage to help boost the local economy. We must also plan and provide for the recovery from any future economic downturns, extreme weather events and natural and manmade disasters.

We encourage strategic collaboration between neighbouring BIDs and support programmes such as a digital first visitation strategy.

Waitematā is being changed by major transformation projects such as the City Rail Link (CRL). While CRL will bring people, business and wealth to the area once completed, our local businesses are severely affected during the construction. We will support initiatives to help businesses to remain economically viable during

the transformation and advocate for all major transformation projects to include business continuity plans and a development response programme to mitigate further financial pressure on local businesses.

Creative industries

Arts and culture strengthen communities, helping us celebrate our differences and enabling a sense of identity and belonging. Waitematā is a hub of arts activities. The board is committed to supporting the creative community at its grassroots to foster the growth of the industry. We have funded a local arts spaces coordinator to broker and increase awareness and access to spaces, working with artists and landlords.

The board has entered into a partnership with The Auckland Performing Arts Centre (TAPAC) which provides a vibrant performing arts hub in the Waitematā area.

Media, film, and television companies filming in Auckland contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to our economy, provide thousands of jobs to residents and contribute culturally to our region and New Zealand. We will support our screen industry to increase filming in Waitematā with new COVID-19 health and safety guidelines in place.

Climate change action

As the largest business hub in New Zealand, we need to lead business sustainability.

Our businesses need services, education and support as they move towards a low-carbon economy.

We support businesses to integrate sustainability into their operations and create innovative solutions to reduce waste and carbon emissions.





Opportunities

- America's Cup 36 will bring thousands of visitors into the city centre. There is an opportunity to leverage of these big events to also connect visitors to our city fringe destinations.
- Waitematā is the growing marketplace for several business associations, six of which operate Business Improvement District (BID) programmes. In partnership with the local board, BID programmes facilitate collaboration across the council group to deliver greater local economic prosperity.

Challenges

- The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the closure of, or long-term harm to many local businesses. Their recovery and replacement as sustainable businesses creates unpredictable challenges.

- The development of CRL causes disruption to local businesses and it is important to support local business continuity.
- Our townships and business areas are changing through gentrification. We want to ensure local jobs are sustained.

Our commitment

We are committed to carrying out the following key initiatives to achieve these goals, and will continue to look for other opportunities as they arise.





Crumb Cafe, Grey Lynn.

Outcome 6: Waitemata businesses are sustainable, innovative and prosperous

Objective	Key initiatives
Increase prosperity and resiliency of locally owned businesses	<p>Support our Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to deliver their strategic outcomes and priorities, and the actions from the City Fringe Economic Development Plan</p> <p>Advocate for all planned major transformation projects to include development response programmes and business continuity plans to support businesses to mitigate financial pressure and leverage off transformation</p>
Recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and boost economy	<p>Work with the business community to leverage events and new opportunities to connect visitors to our city fringe townships as destinations</p> <p>Work with BID's to support businesses to recover from the financial impacts of COVID-19 and future challenges and connect them to local and central government projects and resource</p> <p>Advocate for Auckland Unlimited to refocus funding towards the recovery as an economic development agency (including support for BIDs and town centres)</p>
Support a low carbon and regenerative economy	<p>Encourage and showcase business solutions towards better energy efficiency and resource use, lower emissions, waste minimisation and sustainability</p>
Creative industries are enabled and sustained	<p>Facilitate access to, and use of underutilised spaces, and assist artists and creatives to develop their capacity</p> <p>Maintain a partnership with TAPAC to sustain performing arts training and employment</p>





D Jairam & Sons Dairy, Ponsonby Road.

Outcome 6: Waitematā businesses are sustainable, innovative and prosperous

Objective	Key initiatives
Create great places that support the local economy	<p>Investigate and advocate for the revitalisation of the lower St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street precinct</p> <hr/> <p>Partner with Heart of the City, Parnell, Uptown, Ponsonby, Newmarket and Karangahape Road business associations to deliver outcomes from the City Centre Master Plan, Parnell Plan, Newton and Eden Terrace Plan, Ponsonby Plan, Newmarket Laneways Plan and the Karangahape Road Plan</p>
Support local and living wage job growth	<p>Advocate for a progression to a living wage and local procurement to enable local jobs and boost the local economy: utilising local services, businesses and community organisations for the delivery of council projects and services</p> <hr/> <p>Advocate to the Governing Body and to our Council Controlled Organisations to implement a procurement policy which furthers social, community and environmental outcomes, and for a strong ethical investment policy</p>





He kōrero take pūtea

Funding information

The local board funding policy sets out how local boards are funded to meet the costs of providing local activities and administration support.

Local board funding is approved through the council's budget-setting process. This involves the council's Governing Body adopting a 10-year budget (long-term plan) every three years and an annual budget every year. Local board agreements, in which the local board and the governing body agree the local board budget for each year, make up part of the annual budget.

The council's budget-setting process involves allocating funding gathered through revenue sources such as rates and user charges. It also involves setting levels of service for council activities and corresponding performance targets.

The financial and levels of service statements in this plan are based on the information included in the Long-term Plan 2018-28 and updated through subsequent annual plans (including the Emergency Budget 2020/2021). Updated financial information and levels of service will be adopted as part of the long-term plan which is due to be adopted in June 2021. The Long-term Plan 2021-2031 will be informed by the local board plans and may impact the initiatives in this local board plan.



Kaupapa ā-rohe me ngā paerewa ā-mahi

Local activities and levels of service

The budget-setting process sets levels of service for local activities and corresponding performance targets. The table below describes the local activities and default level of service statements set out in the 2018-28 Long-term Plan. These level of service statements may change when they are reviewed as part of the Long-term Plan 2021-2031.

More information on local board budgets can be found in the Waitemātā Local Board Agreement and Auckland Council's local board funding policy, which are available on the council website.

Local activities	Levels of service statements
Local community services	
<p>This is a broad activity area, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• supporting local arts, culture, events, sport and recreation• providing grants and partnering with local organisations to deliver community services• maintaining facilities, including local parks, libraries and halls.	<p>We provide library services and programmes that support Aucklanders with reading and literacy, and opportunities to participate in community and civic life.</p> <p>We fund, enable and deliver community events and experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p> <p>We fund, enable and deliver arts and culture experiences that enhance identity and connect people.</p> <p>Utilising the Empowered Communities Approach, we support Aucklanders to create thriving, connected and inclusive communities.</p> <p>Provide safe, reliable and accessible social infrastructure for Aucklanders that contributes to placemaking and thriving communities.</p> <p>We provide art facilities, community centres and hire venues that enable Aucklanders to run locally responsive activities, promoting participation, inclusion and connection.</p> <p>We provide recreation programmes, opportunities and facilities to get Aucklanders more active, more often.</p> <p>We provide safe and accessible parks, reserves and beaches.</p> <p>We showcase Auckland's Māori identity and vibrant Māori culture.</p>



Local activities	Levels of service statements
<p>Local planning and development</p> <p>This group of activities covers improvements to town centres, the local street environment as well as local environment and heritage protection. These activities also include working with business and community associations to improve local economic development and employment initiatives.</p>	<p>We help attract investment, businesses and a skilled workforce to Auckland.</p>
<p>Local environmental management</p> <p>Local boards work in partnership with local communities and iwi to deliver projects and programmes to improve local environments. Our focus is on indigenous biodiversity, healthy waterways and sustainable living.</p> <p>These activities include stream restoration, waste minimisation programmes, supporting environmental volunteers and partnering with schools to provide a range of environmental initiatives.</p>	<p>We manage Auckland’s natural environment.</p>
<p>Local governance</p> <p>Activities in this group support our 21 local boards to engage with and represent their communities, and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing the Local Board Agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.</p>	<p>The measures for this group of activities are covered under the Regional Governance group of activities in the Long-term Plan 2018-2028 which determine participation with Auckland Council decision-making in general. This includes local decision-making.</p> <p>There are no significant changes to the measures or targets for 2020/2021.</p>

Tirohanga take pūtea whānui

Financial overview

Revenue, expenditure and capital investment by local activities for the Waitematā Local Board for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Annual Budget Financials	2020/2021 (\$000)
Operating revenue	
Local community services	2,531
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total operating revenue	2,531
Operating expenditure	
Local community services	19,227
Local planning and development	8,708
Local environmental services	331
Local governance	891
Total operating expenditure	29,157
Net operating expenditure	26,626
Capital expenditure	
Local community services	5,990
Local planning and development	-
Local environmental services	-
Local governance	-
Total capital expenditure	5,990



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Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibilities or funding for in this local board plan but recognise the value it will add to the local community

The following is the priority capital project for the Waitematā Local Board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Ponsonby Park at 254 Ponsonby Road Secure funding, resource and support to deliver the community's vision for Ponsonby Park 254 Ponsonby Road as soon as practicable.	\$5.5 million has been allocated to the Ponsonby Park project from the sale of an endowment property at 200 Victoria Street West. A further \$5.5million is required to enable the development of the full site at 254 Ponsonby Road into a civic and open space.	Governing Body

The following are priority advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Climate change – reduce emissions To halve our emissions by 2030, and to be at net zero emissions by 2050.	We need to prepare for climate change impacts by building resilient infrastructure, communities and preparing our economy. We support taking a holistic and equitable approach, harnessing our diversity and indigenous knowledge. We need to increase walking and cycling and provide accessible and affordable transport options. The Governing Body and Auckland Transport need to prioritise their commitment to reducing emissions and accelerate plans towards net zero emissions.	Governing Body Auckland Transport



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Priority advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board (continued):

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<p>Support business continuity through the recovery from COVID-19 and other pandemics, extreme weather events and disasters, and through major infrastructure construction</p> <p>Provide business continuity response and recovery plans through major disasters and emergencies, and all major transformation projects to include a business continuity plan and development response programme</p>	<p>Waitematā is Auckland’s largest employment area hub for businesses. Major disruptions from disasters, pandemics and major transformational construction projects can have negative economic impacts on local businesses in the city centre and surrounding town centres.</p> <p>To assist businesses to remain economically viable during disasters and disruptions, Governing Body, Auckland Transport, Auckland Unlimited and Panuku need to deliver business response and recovery programmes.</p> <p>All major transformation projects must include business continuity plans and a development response programme.</p> <p>Auckland Council must maintain spending and resources at a level that enables jobs to be maintained and boost the economy.</p>	<p>Governing Body, Auckland Transport, Auckland Unlimited, and Panuku</p>
<p>Affordable housing</p> <p>Ensure Auckland Council actively builds or enables others to provide affordable housing through appropriate mechanisms and tools.</p>	<p>Auckland Council should be actively building or enabling others to provide affordable and fully accessible housing meeting universal design criteria on its own land, including building more intensified affordable housing on its existing and new pensioner housing complexes. Council should also prioritise, support and partner affordable housing to be provided by iwi and by community housing associations and providers through advice, bonds, guaranteeing loans, and resource and building consents.</p>	<p>Governing Body Panuku Development Auckland</p>
<p>Restore and reopen Leys Institute</p> <p>Prioritise Leys Institute for funding to retain, strengthen and reopen for library and community use</p>	<p>The Leys Institute building is a 114-year old Auckland Council-owned building that is home to the community library and gymnasium. Due to seismic and structural issues, the building was closed to the public in December 2019.</p> <p>The Governing Body is required to consider options and prioritise funding to restore the heritage building to reopen for library and community use.</p>	<p>Governing Body</p>



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Priority advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board (continued):

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
<p>Revitalise St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street</p> <p>Include the revitalisation of St Georges Bay Road and Faraday Street in the list of RLTP prioritised projects</p> <p>Seek the Governing Body to fund the streetscapes improvement as set out in the Parnell Plan vision document</p>	<p>St Georges Bay Road is a priority action in the Parnell Plan to improve the walking and cycling connectivity to result in a high-amenity pedestrian-focused streetscape upgrade.</p> <p>The Governing Body and Auckland Transport will need to consider funding the streetscapes improvement as part of the Regional Land Transport Projects.</p>	Auckland Transport and Governing Body

The following are other advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board:

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Arts, community and events		
Housing solution for homeless people	Deliver temporary shelters, hotel accommodation, short and medium-term housing solutions to address homelessness. Enhance provision of city centre public amenities including drinking fountains, toilets, showers and lockers.	Governing Body
Ensure the survival of Auckland’s creative industries	Secure appropriate funding to ensure the financial sustainability of the creative industries.	Governing Body
Auckland is an age and child friendly city	The board advocates for a city where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of all ages are an integral part of public policies, programmes and decisions. An age friendly city can help build social and economic conditions for strong families and connected communities and help achieve a city that is fit for all.	Governing Body
City of Peace	Support the development of a regional policy that prohibits the marketing and sales of weapons of war and prohibits speakers who promote intolerance and hate speech using council facilities including facilities managed by Council Controlled Organisations.	Governing Body Auckland Unlimited



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Other advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board (continued):

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Auckland becoming a City for CEDAW (Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)	<p>Advocates for a city that values equal opportunity and participation of women and girls and promotes the universal human rights of all genders.</p> <p>Auckland Council needs to further focus on its commitment to address the key issues of importance to women and which align with CEDAW goals, including addressing issues in gender-based violence, gender pay gap, inequities for women in political and public life, and discriminations in economic and social life.</p>	Governing Body
Local procurement and living wage	Support local procurement and advocate for progression to a living wage to enable local jobs and boost economy: local services, businesses and community organisations for the delivery of council projects and services.	Governing Body
Māori input on key strategies and plans	Ensure council processes enable effective Māori input into key regional strategies and plans.	Governing Body
Auckland Council Living Wage	Ensure that there is budget provision of a 'living wage' for council employees and extend to contract employees.	Governing Body
Procurement and investment policy	Implement a procurement and ethical investment policy which furthers social, community and environmental outcomes.	Governing Body, CCOs
Speedway at Western Springs	Support the relocation of Speedway from Western Springs Stadium once an appropriate alternative site has been identified and developed.	Governing Body
Environment		
Improve the environmental quality and biodiversity of the Hauraki Gulf	To increase funding for water quality improvements to stormwater, the delivery of cleaner harbours, beaches and streams. Reduce wastewater flows into the Hauraki Gulf and support developing mechanisms for sustaining and enhancing marine life in the gulf.	Governing Body, Healthy Waters and Watercare
Work towards eliminating agrichemical use	Secure a regional budget to eliminate agrichemical spray and embrace the commitment to minimise agrichemical use.	Governing Body



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Other advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board (continued):

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Central community recycling centre	Deliver the centre supported by Waitematā, Albert-Eden and Puketāpapa local boards at the site identified on Great North Road. This facility is a critical part of council's adopted Waste Management and Minimisation Plan forward work programme and the resource recovery network which underpins part of this work.	Governing Body
Air quality improvements	Support measures that improve air quality in the city centre.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport and Ports of Auckland
General Tree Protection	Auckland Council to advocate for changes to the Resource Management Act 1991 to enable councils to reintroduce general tree protection rules to maintain and increase the urban forest. Auckland Council to simplify and better resource processes for identifying and protecting mature trees.	Governing Body
Single-use plastic items	Support mechanisms to eliminate single-use disposable plastic items.	Governing Body
Container deposit scheme	Support the introduction of a container deposit scheme to reduce litter, increase recycling streams and provide a source of community funds.	Governing Body
Localised food waste collection and composting scheme	Seek local exemptions to the centralised food waste collection to support individuals composting at home and local urban food farming. With the objective of providing education, behaviour changes and creating local employment, providing local healthy food production, reducing transport carbon miles, creating a long-term sustainable model and reducing cost to ratepayers.	Governing Body
Regional recycling system	Fund a regional recycling system that can process paper and cardboard waste, glass, metals and type 1 and 2 plastics, and hot composting.	Governing Body, central government
Green walls, roofs and community gardens	Support the delivery of green walls, roofs and community gardens on Council, CCO and private spaces and structures.	Governing Body, CCO's, central government

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Other advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board (continued):

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Planning and Heritage		
Auckland Domain Capital Improvements Budget	Allocate adequate capital funds to progress concepts set out in the Auckland Domain Master Plan, including for improved pedestrian and cycling circulation, vehicle circulation and vegetation management.	Governing Body
Youth playspace in Newmarket	Secure funding to acquire an appropriate site and to develop a youth playspace that serves the high concentration of young people in Newmarket.	Governing Body
Newmarket Laneways Project	Secure appropriate funds to progress the streetscape development identified in the Newmarket Laneways Plan.	Governing Body Auckland Transport
Victoria Quarter	Take action to progress the City Centre Master Plan objectives for the Victoria Quarter area to deliver a quality urban neighbourhood that enhances the area's historic character where the safety of pedestrians is prioritised.	Governing Body NZTA Auckland Transport
Heritage buildings and structures	Allocate adequate funds to identify, restore and preserve heritage buildings and features, and incorporate seismic strengthening to ensure their ongoing usage.	Governing Body
Restoration and protection of the St James Theatre	Auckland Council to provide support to the restoration and protection of St James Theatre.	Governing Body
Wynyard Point public space	Secure funding for the development of a new public open space at Wynyard Point.	Governing Body, Panuku
Pedestrianise Queen Street and High Street	Implement the Access For Everyone project, including the pedestrianisation of Queen Street and High Street.	Governing Body
Transport		
Parnell Train Station pedestrian and cycling connections	Provide accessible pedestrian and cycling connections to Parnell Station. Open the greenways route from the Strand through the old Parnell rail tunnel and create accessible pedestrian connections from Parnell Station to the Domain, the Strand and Parnell Town Centre.	Auckland Transport



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Other advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board (continued):

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Auckland Cycle Network	The completion of the Auckland cycling network will provide improved cycle infrastructure through safe, connected, dedicated cycle ways.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport
Broadway and Station Square access	Improve access between Broadway and Station Square in Newmarket and link to the Newmarket Laneways Plan.	Governing Body, Auckland Transport
Pedestrian Safety Broadway	Work with Auckland Transport to implement solutions which improve pedestrian safety on Broadway including the pedestrian desire line between Station Square and Teed Street in Newmarket.	Auckland Transport
Light rail	Deliver light rail from the city centre to Mangere as soon as practicable.	Governing Body, NZTA, Auckland Transport
Vision Zero	Auckland Transport to maintain support for Vision Zero as the number one priority for Auckland Transport with a target of no deaths or serious injuries on our transport system by 2050.	Auckland Transport
Safe and appropriate speeds	Support slower speeds that are safe and appropriate in residential areas, through our villages, town centres and in the city centre.	Auckland Transport
Maximise renewal and maintenance opportunities	Consider how every renewal and maintenance project can be leveraged to improve the road design for all users with layouts that include bus lanes, greenways, and cycle lanes, remove cycle pinch points and add better pedestrian crossings.	Auckland Transport
Improved safety and amenity for pedestrians	Auckland Transport to improve intersections with substantial foot traffic for pedestrians and developing solutions to improve safety and amenity for pedestrians. This includes: all intersections with left-slip lanes and no pedestrian facility; intersections with long pedestrian crossing delays undertaking route optimisation for pedestrians in the city centre including automatic pedestrian phases on one-way streets.	Auckland Transport
Change the give way rule	Auckland Transport to advocate for a change of the give way rule requiring motorists to give way to pedestrians crossing parallel to the priority (main) road at intersections.	Auckland Transport

Āpitianga A – Kaupapa Auaha

Other advocacy areas for the Waitematā Local Board (continued):

Initiative	Description	Advocating to
Residential and town centre parking schemes	Auckland Transport to continue implementing residential parking schemes to manage commuter parking in central Auckland suburbs following consultation with residents.	Auckland Transport
Greenways prioritised routes	Auckland Transport to work with Auckland Council to deliver the Waitematā Local Board Greenways prioritised routes.	Auckland Transport
Enhanced and safe streetscapes	Provide and advocate for streetscape enhancements and parking enforcement to improve amenity and safety for pedestrians.	Auckland Transport
Street trees and greenery	Auckland Transport to provide opportunities for a net increase in trees and greenery in every streetscape improvement and renewal and Auckland Council to meet the consequential operational expenditure for maintenance.	Auckland Transport
Additional Waitematā Harbour crossing	Ensure that the design of the additional harbour crossing prioritises rapid public transport.	Auckland Transport NZTA
Wayfinding signs	Work with Auckland Transport to include dual language wayfinding signage, on no exit streets with pedestrian accessways, paths leading to reserves and parks and providing direction to cycleways.	Auckland Transport
Local Board Transport Capital Fund	Advocate for the Local Board Transport Capital Fund to be re-instated to the pre-COVID level of \$21m per annum regionally and, for previously allocated funding of \$38m lost through the COVID-19 pandemic emergency budget to be fully restored.	Auckland Transport Governing Body
Other matters		
Economic recovery	Advocate to the Governing Body to refocus Auckland Unlimited activities towards supporting local businesses resilience and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.	Governing Body, Auckland Unlimited
Full council ownership of Ports of Auckland	Ensure Ports of Auckland Ltd remains in full accountable council ownership.	Governing Body

